

The women noticed that the clock on the vocational school was about eight o'clock when Hall passed.

According to his story, Mills continued to work on the porch on the brackets until it was dark. He then went inside his house (the second floor of 49 Carmine Street, reached by an outside stairway) and worked on the brackets until about 9:45. He then read the New Brunswick Home News and the Evening World for fifteen or twenty minutes. He says he noticed that some clippings had been cut out of the Evening World. He says that Charlotte and Dan, who had gone out about the time their mother left, returned about ten o'clock and went to bed. (Charlotte's story varies - at one time she says her father was home when she and Dan came in, and at another time she says that he came in shortly after they returned.) Mills says that he then went down the outside stairs and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, who live on the ground floor of the same house, 49 Carmine Street. That, while talking to them, a Mrs. Dank came along and talked to Mrs. Kelly about an automobile accident in which Lawrence Hill (Larry Witt) was injured. (We have never got a satisfactory statement from the Kellys or Mrs. Dank. They have refused to talk.) He then walked down the street, smoked a cigar, went to Blitz's store for a soda, and about eleven o'clock went to the church, locked it up and put out the lights. His statement is not clear whether he went to the Blitz store before or after going to the church about eleven o'clock. Also he indicates that he went there for the purpose of finding out to whom Mrs. Mills had telephoned when she went out at 7:30 and seems to have had some talk with Charlotte along this line. While in church, shortly after eleven o'clock, he did not look to see if Mrs. Mills was there. He came home about 11:25 and went to bed, leaving the door unlocked and the light burning. Mrs. Mills and Charlotte occupied one bedroom, Mills and Dan another. About a little before 2:00 A.M., Mills woke up, was startled by the light being on, went into Charlotte's room, asked her if her mother was there, saw that she was not there, put on his clothes and went down to the church, arriving there about five minutes after two. He turned on the lights and went through all the seats to see if his wife had fallen in a faint. Not finding her, he put out the lights (he remembers looking at the clock and seeing that it was 2:25 A.M.), and then returned home. He went to bed but did not sleep.

Friday morning, between eight and nine, he went to the church as usual to open the windows. While there, he saw Mrs. Hall. He states that he had the following conversation with her:

Mrs. Hall - "Did you have any sickness at your house last night?"
Mr. Mills - "Why, no, Mrs. Hall."
Mrs. Hall - "Mr. Hall has not been home all night."
Mr. Mills - "My wife hasn't been home all night. Do you think it was an elopement?"
Mrs. Hall - "Oh, no, Mr. Hall would not do that. I think it is foul play."